

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office, in the Notification of Defective Response of November 9, 2006, has deemed the Response filed on September 20, 2006, as being defective for not “[containing] a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable format is identical to the written sequence listing and contains no new matter.”

Applicants respectfully submit the Office has mischaracterized the September 20, 2006, Response.

Page 5, lines 8-10, of the September 20, 2006, Response, describes “The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable substitute Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing.” Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that “a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable format is identical to the written sequence listing...” is present in the September 20, 2006, Response.

Further, page 5, lines 11-12, of the September 20, 2006, Response state, in part, “No new matter is believed to have been added...” Accordingly, a statement that the submitted substitute Sequence Listing and computer readable form of the substitute Sequence Listing “contain no new matter” is also present.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Notification of Defective Response was issued in error, that the September 20, 2006, Response, was fully compliant, and that this paper is fully responsive to the Notification of Defective Response.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Application No. 10/549,502
Response to Notification of Defective Response of November 9, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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